

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY / NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY BETHESDA  
BRAC INTEGRATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY – JANUARY 19, 2016**

- **Ilaya Hopkins called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.**
  - Phil Alperson announced the tentative schedule of committee meetings for 2016: March 15, June 21, September 20, and December 20. It was decided to combine the March and June meetings into one meeting on May 17, at which it is anticipated there can be a detailed update on the MultiModal Crossing Project at the Medical Center Metro Station. So the tentative meeting schedule for the remainder of 2016 is: May 17, September 20, and December 20.
- **Updates from Phil Alperson, Montgomery County Military Installations (BRAC) Coordinator:**
  - **Matters discussed at BIC meetings are detailed chronologically with background material on the website's "Get Involved" Page:**  
[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brctmpl.asp?url=/Content/EXEC/brac/get\\_involved.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brctmpl.asp?url=/Content/EXEC/brac/get_involved.asp)
    - **Printable Timeline: Anticipated Construction-Related Traffic Disruptions in Bethesda:**  
[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/resources/files/brac\\_projects\\_timeline.pdf](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/resources/files/brac_projects_timeline.pdf)
    - **BRAC Transportation Projects and Commuting Options:**  
[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brctmpl.asp?url=/content/exec/brac/projects\\_glance.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brctmpl.asp?url=/content/exec/brac/projects_glance.asp)
  - **Phil urged BIC members to use the SHA Contact Forms that are posted on the web site if they have questions or concerns about specific Intersection Improvement Projects, or any SHA project in the area:**
    - **Rockville Pike (MD 355) / Cedar Lane Intersection Project:**  
<http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectSchedule.aspx?projectno=MO5935215>
    - **Old Georgetown Road (MD 187) / West Cedar Lane Intersection project:**  
<http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectSchedule.aspx?projectno=MO5935315>

- **Any State-managed Road (generally, roads identified with numbers, i.e. MD 355 or I-270:**  
[http://marylandsha.force.com/customercare/request\\_for\\_service](http://marylandsha.force.com/customercare/request_for_service)
- **Phil reminded the Committee to get traffic and BRAC news and information first by following Montgomery County BRAC on Twitter @BracMoCoMD .**
- **MD 355 Multimodal Crossing Project:** Phil reported that MCDOT and the two contractors that submitted bids in July based on the Request for Proposals (Clark Construction and Corman-Bradshaw Joint Venture) had agreed to extend the deadline to determine the winning bid from December 17, 2015 to April 12, 2016. Phil said he was not at liberty to discuss any details about the bids because the confidential competitive bidding process was still under way.
  - **MCDOT Presentation (requires Adobe Flash Player):**  
[https://prezi.com/vyzxo9dddmj2/md-355-crossing-brac/?utm\\_campaign=share&utm\\_medium=copy](https://prezi.com/vyzxo9dddmj2/md-355-crossing-brac/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy)
    - **PDF version (6 pp):**  
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/Resources/Files/MMX-MCDOT-BIC-RFP-120214.pdf>
  - **CROSSING PROJECT OVERVIEW:**  
[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/projects/metro\\_mc.html](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/projects/metro_mc.html)
- **COUNTY BUDGET:** Phil said that County Executive Leggett recently submitted a budget that provides additional County funding for the Purple Line, meeting the County's commitment to the Governor to provide additional resources. The County executive has been holding community meetings throughout the county to explain and answer questions about the budget. Info about upcoming Budget Forums:  
[http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press\\_Detail.aspx?PrID=15604](http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?PrID=15604)
- **SHA UPDATES:** Phil read a memo from Christopher Bishop of SHA that provided updates on the two active BRAC Intersection Projects in Bethesda, at MD 355 (Rockville Pike)/Cedar Lane/West Cedar Lane, and at MD 187 (Old Georgetown Road)/West Cedar Lane/Oakmont Avenue:  
[http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/Resources/Files/BIC-SHA\\_update-011916.pdf](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/Resources/Files/BIC-SHA_update-011916.pdf)
- **NIH UPDATES:** Phil read a note from Phil Neuberg of NIH that provided news on three items of interest:

- The NIH 2013 Comprehensive Master Plan was approved by the NCPC at their regular meeting of January 7, 2016, following NIH's careful re-examination of its Transportation Management Plan and its subsequent agreement to cap parking at the current level rather than add to the current inventory over the life (20 years) of the Master Plan. **(In other words, NIH does not plan to add any new parking to accommodate the projected 3,0000 additional personnel planned to come to the main Bethesda campus.)**
- The Capital Bike share program has begun the installation of a pad for up to 23 cycles located on the island adjacent to the Medical Center Transportation Center just outside the NIH South Drive Gate.
- The SHA Rights of Entry and the Montgomery County Use Permit governing, respectively, the construction and maintenance of the OGR stretch of the enhanced hiker/biker path that will connect the Bethesda Trolley Trail along NIH's West boundary are in the process of being signed. SHA intends to advertise the project this Winter and, barring any unforeseen circumstances, commence construction this Summer. **(In other words, plans are moving forward to construct this year a southward extension of the Bethesda Trolley Trail along Old Georgetown Road.)**
- **NSAB UPDATES:** Captain Jones said that on-campus construction projects are moving forward, but should have no impacts on neighborhood traffic. One project will be a new parking structure near Jones Bridge Road. Captain Jones also indicated that NSAB would be prepared to provide a detailed presentation to the BIC at its next meeting (now tentatively set for May 17). He also indicated that a new Commanding Officer for WRNMMC will be coming on board soon and may attend the May 17 BIC meeting,
- **SUBURBAN HOSPITAL (Johns Hopkins Medicine):** Leslie Weber provided an update on short-term construction for Suburban's Hospital Expansion project: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/brac/Resources/Files/BIC-SuburbanUpdate-011916.pdf>
- **PROPOSED BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT) ROUTE 355 SOUTH CORRIDOR:** Richard Levine provided an update from last month's Route 355 South Corridor Advisory Committee (CAC). Plans under consideration include a 2-lane dedicated median BRT on 355 near the Medical Center, dedicated BRT curb lanes, mixed traffic BRT, or no build. Funding has yet to be determined. A 42-page report can be viewed on the County's BRT web site: [http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/RTS/Resources/Files/MD%20355%20CAC%20Mt%205%20South\\_FINAL%20Presentation.pdf](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/RTS/Resources/Files/MD%20355%20CAC%20Mt%205%20South_FINAL%20Presentation.pdf)
- **COMMUNITY ISSUES:**

- **SHA Construction Project on southbound Connecticut Avenue at Beach Drive:** Ed Krauze told the Committee about an SHA project that seemed to appear unannounced at the southwest corner of Connecticut Avenue/Beach Drive, whereby SHA had removed a dedicated right turn lane from eastbound Beach onto southbound Connecticut. SHA indicated to Ed that this was a pedestrian safety/storm drainage project; removal of the turn lane was needed to install new drainage to prevent flooding in the area. Ed indicated that this is a key intersection for residents of Parkview and other neighborhoods who need a work-around because they have suffered through years of BRAC and other growth-related traffic. Unfortunately, removing the turn lane has created a new bottleneck. Local officials are working with SHA, Park & Planning to see if the gridlock can be cleared without compromising pedestrian safety. Ed's long-term concern is that transportation agencies coordinate with each other and with affected communities before projects are constructed.
- **Ilaya adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the BCC Regional Services Center.**

**BRAC Committee members in attendance, September 15, 2015:**

Nancy Abeles, Bethesda Crest Home Owners Association  
 Phil Alperson, Montgomery County Military Installations (BRAC) Coordinator  
 Jeff Burton for Dave Dabney, Bethesda Urban Partnership  
 Ilaya Hopkins, East Bethesda Citizens Assn. and Chair of the BRAC Integration Committee  
 Ed Krauze, Bethesda Parkview Citizens Association  
 Richard Levine, Locust Hill Citizens Association  
 Janet Maalouf, Maplewood Citizens Association  
 Patrick O'Neil, Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce  
 Leslie Weber, Suburban Hospital (Johns Hopkins Medicine)

**Ex-officio:**

Captain Marvin Jones, Naval Support Activity-Bethesda  
 Ryan Emery, Naval Support Activity-Bethesda  
 Ron Inman, Naval Support Activity-Bethesda  
 Luke Armstrong, Naval Support Activity-Bethesda  
 Laurie Edberg, Office of Senator Barbara Mikulski  
 Ken Reichard, Office of Senator Ben Cardin  
 Catherine Provost for Joan Kleinman, Office of Congressman Chris Van Hollen  
 Drew Morrison, Office of Council Member Roger Berliner  
 Rebecca Stryer, Office of Delegate Marc Korman

**Other Attendees**

Jeanette Musil, DOD Office of Economic Adjustment  
 Eric Osberg, Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart  
 John Riehl, Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation  
 Paul Seder